



Edward D. Anderson

July 22, 1916 - July 5, 2014

Edward D. Anderson, a long time resident of Fort Collins, was called home to his heavenly Father on Saturday morning, July 5, 2014, just a couple of weeks short of his 98th birthday. His wife and support for 71 years, Carol Crippen Anderson, preceded him in death in February of 2013. His brother, Dr. Albert Anderson Anita remains in Laporte, Minn. Ed will be remembered and dearly missed by members of his family, which include his daughter, Karlin Gray Lee and his son, Dr. Donald Anderson Lenore. Their families include six grand children and three great grand children - all of whom were a source of delight to Ed. He was devoted to his family, his faith, his church, and his musical career. Ed was born in Fargo, North Dakota, and raised nearby until he went off to Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in business. Strangely enough, however, he seemed to spend most of his time playing trumpet in the Band, violin in the Orchestra, and singing in the Concordia Choir – so it finally occurred to him that he should become a musician, which he did with much passion. After teaching high school in several small North Dakota communities where he met an English teacher named Carol, and serving in the US Navy during WW II, he moved his young family to Michigan State University, where he earned his Masters of Music degree. Shortly thereafter, in 1948, he came to Colorado State University, where he was Director of Choral Activities for 34 years. He embraced Colorado, the Rocky Mountains, and CSU with great energy and enthusiasm, never doubting his calling to "make music." His University Singers and Chamber Singers performed extensively at home and on tour. He was instrumental in the creation of the University Fine Arts Festival and the CSU Madrigal Dinners. While at CSU he received the "Oliver Pennock Teaching Award for Distinguished Service" and was voted a "Top Prof" by CSU students. The Colorado chapter of the American Choral Directors Association named him a "Choral Music Legend." He was a regular guest conductor at the International Peace Garden Music Camp and led their touring choir to Europe. His vibrant tenor voice gave him many opportunities as a soloist and he was a lifelong church musician as well. As Director of Music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, he founded the annual Bach Festival which recently completed its 37th year. Bach epitomized for Ed the true motivation of music in the church – Soli Deo Gloria – to God alone the Glory! Upon retirement from CSU, Ed just couldn't quit conducting completely; so he

organized the Fort Collins Chamber Chorale, made up of former students and musicians who just wanted to sing. This group performed two concerts a year for 21 years, with each concert donating its free will offering to a different local charity or non profit. As much as he loved music, he also had a passion for golfing, hiking, and fishing. At the urging of his hiking buddies, he climbed to the summit of Mount Quandary a 14er in celebration of his 75th birthday. Ed and Carol loved Community Bible Study and their friends there. He became a wood worker when he retired, and every day found him in his garage creating new carvings. When he moved to Collinwood Assisted Living, his creative bent led him to pursue water color painting. With the help of his devoted art therapist, he painted and made scrapbooks to his hearts content. This culminated in his very own "art show" which took place at Collinwood the Sunday before he died. His family is grateful to all of the folks there for helping him to have a full life to the end. A Memorial Service to celebrate Ed's life will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Stover, on Saturday, July 19th, at 11:00AM. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be directed to music scholarships at Colorado State University. Donations can be made online or mailed to the Colorado State University Foundation, 410 University Services, Fort Collins, CO 80523.

Comments



“ I can't tell you how many times I used Mr. Anderson's vocal exercises - "the big black bug bit the big brown bear" and "rubber baby buggy bumpers" to warm up during thirty years of broadcasting games as a play-by-play man. Yes, while I failed as Music major at CSU, his influence stayed with me and helped me through an NBA Championship, four Super Bowls and many other events. How sad I am that I was never able to thank him properly. What a marvelous life he led! My thoughts go out to Karla, Lee and the entire family.

Frank Herzog - October 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Well, Mr Anderson had a long and good life. I was in his choir in the late 1960's. He was serious, but always a gentleman. I have the greatest respect for him. I was always struck by the courage he showed in asking the choir to pray before each Christmas concert we gave at the Student Center Theater.

Paul Eckman - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Ed was a most wonderful musician and person in every way. I feel very lucky to have known him way back when at CSU. Somehow I didn't know that Carol had passed on earlier, so thoughts and prayers go out to you for them both. A dear and lovely couple. Lovingly, Mary Ann and Harland Ranney

Mary Ann and Harland Ranney - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Ed Anderson is one of the primary reasons why I went on to earn three college degrees in Vocal Music. He showed his interest in my singing when I was still a student at Loveland High School and was instrumental in helping me acquire a full-tuition scholarship at CSU. I have been so grateful to him for decades now. His contributions to CSU, Fort Collins, and the world of music are indelible and live on!

PenDell Pittman - July 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I can only echo the appreciation expressed by others. As a teacher and conductor and leader in the field of music Edward Anderson was superb. My special recollection and expression of gratitude is for a beautiful rendition of the altar cross at Trinity Episcopal, Greeley, which he made and gave to me after attending the memorial service for my husband, The Rev. Donald White. It is a treasure, as are my memories of my days as a student under his tutelage at CSU. I am sorry I did not learn of his death in time to attend his service on July 19th.

Verlene White - July 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to learn of Dr. Anderson's passing. He was my first choral music director at CSU & impressed me with his professionalism & ability. He continued to impress me in his later years with his continued involvement & support of vocal music through years of All-State Choir. He was generally one of the judges at Lincoln Center. My sincere condolences to all the family - Debbie Dixon

Debbie Dixon - July 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ When I entered CSU as a freshman I had no idea of being a music major but I was fortunate enough to be selected for the Mixed choir. I immediately fell in "love" w/ Mr. Anderson because he showed so much love and passion and respect for the music. And he always did it w/ class and humility and humor. And even though it was the last class of the day, 4X week, I never minded going because he always made it so enjoyable. I did go on to get a degree in Music Education and I know his instruction was one of the major factors in that decision. He was a true icon.

Patricia M. Gembarowski - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My deep sympathy.

Virginia Febinger - July 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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“ He made us a present of his music, gave us praise and encouragement for our own music and left too many music memories to count. When I went from being a student to being a professor I realized he was my model and everything a professor should be.

James Work - July 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Words aren't good enough --- Mr. Anderson even 51 years later I cannot use his first name was a model -- a hero -- such a very special man. He taught me that good music existed and what a gift that is! When it had been a tough day at CSU I hung on by knowing choir practice was coming up at 5:00. He will be missed by so many.

Carol Work Nussbaumer - July 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Karlin - So sorry hear of your father's passing. I know you have felt lucky to have your parents with you for so long. This does not reduce you feeling of such a great loss. Please know that those that love you are thinking about you. Jan

Janet Glahn Warren - July 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We wish to say Thank You to your loved one for his service to our great country. Our sympathies are with your family.

Marine Corps League Auxiliary #785 - July 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Karlin and Don- I'm so sorry to see that your Dad has passed away. He was a wonderful man. I remember him coming into the Campus Shop. He was always a gentleman and so gracious and friendly - and, handsome! My thoughts are with you. Sandy Walker

Sandy Walker - July 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts go out to the Anderson family. Ed was a wonderful man and the Busch Family has many happy memories as a result of Ed's kindness. Ed and Steve are hiking, singing and sharing a wonderful view for eternity.

Gwynne Cleveland - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family as you reflect on your loss of Edward- -a husband, a father, a grandfather, a teacher, a role model, and a friend. From Camille Irvin and family Leon, Michael, Martin, and Tony

Camille Irvin - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I was a music education student at CSU starting in the fall of 1959 and enjoyed taking private vocal lessons from Professor Anderson, singing in choir and a small Madrigal type group. He was always kind, encouraging and upbeat which made it fun to work hard on musical pieces. God blessed him with a long productive life. My sympathy and prayers to his family.

Pat Congdon Anderson - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Ed was not only my favorite professor and mentor during my years at CSU 1963 to 1967, he was also a dear, dear friend then and upon my return to Fort Collins in 1995. His passion for beautiful music was so contagious AND so respectful of the composers. I will truly miss this very special man. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Linda Hinshaw - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My teacher, my example, my friend. With respectful memory of his life well-lived, and heartfelt sympathy to all the Anderson family.

Paul Anawaty - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM